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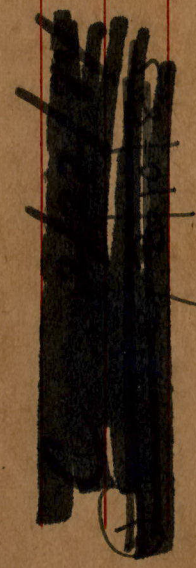
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (105-NEW)

DATE: 9/8/70

FROM : SA KENNETH J. HASER

SUBJECT: ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN  
IS - MIDDLE EAST

This is to advise that at 9:30 a.m. 9/8/70, SE ROBERT LYNCH received the following information from Mr. CARROLL H. SEELEY, Assistant Chief, Legal Division, Passport Office, Department of State.

About 2:15 a.m. on 9/8/70, the Passport Office Duty Officer received a call from a Mr. LUKE MCKISSOCK, telephone 213-466-7331, a friend of ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN. MCKISSOCK related that SIRHAN, born [REDACTED], in Jerusalem, residing at 696 E. Howard St., Pasadena, California, has a 1963 passport which he wanted renewed urgently. MCKISSOCK was told that such a passport cannot be renewed and SIRHAN must apply for a new passport.

MCKISSOCK stated originally that SIRHAN was leaving Los Angeles at 8:30 a.m. arriving New York City 4:55 p.m. on 9/8/70. He then wanted to depart for Athens, Greece, at 6:20 p.m. (9/8/70) on TWA flight 880. MCKISSOCK stated that this was an emergency passport situation and he wanted the passport agency to deliver the passport to SIRHAN at the airport in New York. The Duty Officer explained the procedure which requires physical appearance by the applicant for a passport before a State Department Passport Agent. The Duty Officer asked what the emergency was and MCKISSOCK replied, "It is very complicated but he must make the '6:20' flight 880 tomorrow". (sic)

MCKISSOCK was given the duty hours of the New York and Los Angeles Passport Agencies. He then stated that he would get SIRHAN to New York as soon after noon on 9/8/70 as possible. SIRHAN is to go to Station No. 1 at the New York Passport Agency after obtaining his photographs and filling out the application.

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The Duty Officer wondered if the subject is a brother of SIRHAN SIRHAN, convicted assassin of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI. ATTN. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
AND SACS. NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC, WFO

ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN. INTERNAL SECURITY - MIDDLE EAST

ON SEPTEMBER EIGHT INSTANT, CARROLL H. SEELEY,  
ASSISTANT CHIEF, LEGAL DIVISION, PASSPORT OFFICE, U. S.  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE PAREN USDS ENPAREN, FURNISHED FOLLOWING  
INFORMATION.

ABOUT TWO FIFTEEN A.M. SEPTEMBER EIGHT INSTANT, DUTY  
OFFICER, PASSPORT OFFICE, RECEIVED CALL FROM LUKE MCKISSOCK,  
TELEPHONE TWO ONE THREE-FOUR SIX SIX-SEVEN THREE THREE ONE,  
WHO CLAIMED TO BE FRIEND OF ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN, BORN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], JERUSALEM AND RESIDING SIX NINE  
SIX EAST HOWARD STREET, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. MCKISSOCK  
STATED SIRHAN WANTED TO RENEW URGENTLY ONE NINE SIX THREE  
PASSPORT. MCKISSOCK WAS TOLD SUCH PASSPORT COULD NOT BE  
RENEWED AND SIRHAN WOULD HAVE TO APPLY FOR NEW PASSPORT.

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MCKISSOCK ORIGINALLY STATED SIRHAN WOULD LEAVE LOS ANGELES EIGHT THIRTY A.M. AND ARRIVE NEW YORK FOUR FIFTY FIVE P.M. SEPTEMBER EIGHT. FURTHER, SIRHAN WANTED TO DEPART FOR ATHENS, GREECE, SIX TWENTY P.M. SEPTEMBER EIGHT ON TWA FLIGHT EIGHT EIGHT ZERO. MCKISSOCK REQUESTED PASSPORT BE DELIVERED TO SIRHAN AT AIRPORT IN NEW YORK BECAUSE OF EMERGENCY PASSPORT SITUATION, BUT WAS TOLD PROCEDURE REQUIRED PHYSICAL APPEARANCE OF APPLICANT BEFORE USDS PASSPORT AGENT. IN REPLY TO QUESTION AS TO NATURE OF EMERGENCY, MCKISSOCK REPLIED QUOTE IT IS VERY COMPLICATED, BUT HE MUST MAKE THE 'SIX TWENTY' FLIGHT EIGHT EIGHT ZERO TOMORROW PAREN SIC ENPAREN UNQUOTE. MCKISSOCK WAS FURNISHED DUTY HOURS OF NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES PASSPORT AGENCIES. MCKISSOCK STATED HE WOULD GET SIRHAN TO NEW YORK AS SOON AFTER NOON ON SEPTEMBER EIGHT AS POSSIBLE. SIRHAN IS TO GO TO STATION NUMBER ONE, NEW YORK PASSPORT AGENCY, AFTER OBTAINING PHOTOGRAPHS AND COMPLETING APPLICATION.

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USDS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION DATED AUGUST TWENTY THREE, ONE NINE FIVE SIX, UNDER REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM PAREN IRP ENPAREN, REVEALS ADEL BISHARA SALAMEH GHATTAS SIRHAN BORN [REDACTED], [REDACTED], JERUSALEM, PALESTINE, IS SON OF BISHARA SALAMEH GHATTAS SIRHAN, BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] IN PALESTINE. USDS IRP REPORT OF INVESTIGATION CONCERNING BISHARA SALAMEH GHATTAS SIRHAN DATED MAY TWENTY TWO ONE NINE FIVE SIX, REVEALS ADEL SIRHAN IS BROTHER OF SIRHAN SIRHAN, WHO WAS CONVICTED ASSASSIN OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

ACCORDING TO NEWS MEDIA, ARAB GUERRILLAS WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN RECENT AIRLINE HIJACKINGS HAVE ISSUED DEMANDS FOR RELEASE OF SIRHAN SIRHAN IN EXCHANGE FOR PASSENGERS.

TWA HAS ADVISED FLIGHT EIGHT EIGHT ZERO IS DAILY FLIGHT FROM KENNEDY AIRPORT, NEW YORK CITY, SIX TWENTY P.M. ARRIVING ATHENS, GREECE, NINE FORTY A.M. NEXT DAY.

LOS ANGELES ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN PURPOSE OF SUBJECT'S EMERGENCY TRAVEL AND IDENTIFY LUKE MCKISSOCK.

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NEW YORK REVIEW SUBJECT'S PASSPORT APPLICATION TO  
ASCERTAIN PURPOSE OF SUBJECT'S EMERGENCY TRAVEL. NEW YORK  
COGNIZANT. NEW YORK CONSIDER NOTIFYING TWA OF SUBJECT'S  
PROPOSED TRAVEL.

WFO WILL ATTEMPT TO REVIEW SUBJECT'S OLD PASSPORT  
APPLICATIONS.

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TO DIRECTOR

ATT. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

WASHINGTON FIELD

LOS ANGELES

FROM NEW YORK 2P

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RE WASHINGTON FIELD TELEPHONE CALL, NINE EIGHT SEVENTY.

ON NINE EIGHT SEVENTY, HARRY MEYERS, DETECTIVE, PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED THAT MRS. MARY SIRHAN AND SUBJECT WERE TRAVELING WITH L. MC KISSICK AND M. MC COWAN, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, ABOARD TWA FLIGHT ONE HUNDRED FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW YORK, ON THIS DATE. THE PARTY IS TO TRANSFER TO TWA FLIGHT EIGHT EIGHT ZERO FROM NEW YORK TO ATHENS, SCHEDULED TO DEPART SIX TWENTY PM TODAY. MEYERS ADVISED THAT AS OF ONE THIRTY PM, TWA FLIGHT ONE HUNDRED WAS OVER ONE HOUR LATE AND WOULD NOT MEET ITS SCHEDULED ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK OF FOUR THIRTY PM. MEYERS STATED THAT TWA WILL PROBABLY NOT HOLD FLIGHT EIGHT EIGHT ZERO FOR THE SIRHAN PARTY. MEYERS ADVISED FURTHER THAT HEAVY PRESS COVERAGE IS EXPECTED AT JFK AIRPORT.

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ON NINE EIGHT SEVENTY AT ONE THIRTY PM, JOSEPH  
CALLAHAN, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, UNITED STATES PASSPORT  
OFFICE, NYC, ADVISED THAT NO INQUIRY HAD BEEN MADE TO  
HIS OFFICE CONCERNING PASSPORTS FOR ANY MEMBER OF THE SIRHAN  
PARTY.

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TO DIRECTOR

ATT. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

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LOS ANGEILES

FROM NEW YORK (105 NEW )

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ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN, INTERNAL SECURITY, MIDDLE EAST

RE NYTEL SEPTEMBER EIGHT SEVENTY AND LOS ANGELES TELS SAME  
DATE

MRS. MARY BISHARA SALAMEH SIRHAN, ATTORNEY LUKE MC KISSACK  
AND MICHAEL MC COWAN ARRIVED AT JOHN F. KENNEDY (JFK)  
AIRPORT, NEW YORK, ABOARD TRANS WORLD AIRLINES (TWA) FLIGHT  
ONE HUNDRED, ON SEPTEMBER EIGHT SEVENTY AT SIX ZERO FIVE  
PM. THEY WERE MET BY ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN AND NUMEROUS MEMBERS  
OF THE PRESS.

JOSEPH M. MC CORMICK, SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE, TWA, JFK,  
ADVISED THAT AT TIME FLIGHT ONE HUNDRED LANDED AT JFK, TWA HAD  
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BEEN INSTRUCTED BY U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT NOT TO PERMIT THE SIRHAN PARTY TO EXIT U.S. ABOARD TWA. MCORMICK STATED THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS NOTIFYING U.S. IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES NEW YORK, TO REMOVE THE U.S. PASSPORTS OF MEMBERS OF THE PARTY.

SUPERVISORY INSPECTOR D. E. FARRELL, U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE, ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REVOKE THE PASSPORTS OF MC COWAN AND MC KISSACK AND TO PREVENT THE DEPARTURE OF MARY AND ADEL SIRHAN. HE MET THE MEMBERS OF THE PARTY AT THE TWA BUILDING AT JFK.

THE FIRST PAGES OF THE PASSPORTS OF MC KISSACK AND MC COWAN WERE MARKED BY FARRELL " REVOKED PERSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FRED SMITH, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, BUREAU OF SECURITY AND <sup>Consular</sup> CULTURAL AFFAIRS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE".

FARRELL ADVISED THAT HE TOOK NO ACTION CONCERNING THE PASSPORTS OF MARY SIRHAN AND ADEL SIRHAN, SINCE THEY ARE PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS AND NOT U.S. CITIZENS. FARRELL ALSO SERVED NOTICE ON TWA THAT MC KISSACK, MC COWAN AND THE SIRHANS ARE NOT TO BE TRANSPORTED TO FOREIGN DESTINATION FROM THE U.S., PERSUANT TO SECION TWO ONE FIVE OF THE IMMIGRATION

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AND NATIONALITY ACT (TITLE EIGHT, U.S. CODE, SECTION ONE ONE EIGHT FIVE) AND OTHER REGULATIONS. (INS FORM I-TWO EIGHT ONE) FARRELL SAID THAT COPIES OF THIS NOTICE WERE FURNISHED TO THE PARTIES CONCERNED AND THAT LIKE NOTICES WERE BEING SERVED ON ALL CARRIERS OF PASSENGERS TO FOREIGN DESTINATIONS.

MC KISSACK THEN HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE WITH MRS SIRHAN. HE DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS THE ATTORNEY FOR SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. HE STATED THAT IT WAS THE INTENTION OF MRS. SIRHAN TO PLEAD WITH ARAB FORCES FOR THE RELEASE OF PASSENGERS OF RECENTLY HI JACKED AIRCRAFT. HE STATED THAT HER SON SIRHAN B. SIRHAN IS CONSIDERED A HERO IN THE ARAB WORLD AND THERE FORE HER PLEA WOULD BE HEEDDED. HE CONTENTED THAT THE REVOCATION OF THE SIRHAN PARTY' S PASSPORTS WAS A "DASTARDLY" DEED AND WAS PROBABLY ILLEGAL. MRS. SIRHAN STATED HER ONLY INTENTION

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WAS TO SECURE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES. MC KISSACK MADE FURTHER REMARKS CONDEMNING THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND EMPHASIZED HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO REACH ANY RESPONSIBLE U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. HE SAID THAT THEY WOULD RETURN TO LOS ANGELES IF UNABLE TO CONTINUE TRAVEL AFTER THE CONFERENCE. MC CORMICK ADVISED THAT MC KISSACK HAS REQUESTED ACCOMMODATIONS IN NEW YORK FOR NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER EIGHT. MC KISSACK SAID FURTHER THAT HE PLANNED ANOTHER PRESS CONFERENCE AT TEN AM. SEPTEMBER NINE SEVENTY, AFTER WHICH THE PARTY WOULD PROBABLY RETURN TO LOS ANGELES. RESERVATIONS WERE MADE BY TWA FOR PARTY AT THE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, JFK.

WILLIAM D. O'LEARY, ASSISTANT TO GENERAL MANAGER,. INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, ADVISED THAT THE SIRHAN PARTY HAD CHECKED IN AT ABOUT EIGHT THIRTY PM, WITH MC KISSACK IN ROOM FIVE NINE ZERO, MC COWAN IN ROOM FIVE EIGHT SEVEN AND MARY AND ADEL SIRHAN IN ROOM FIVE NINE TWO. MC KISSACK REQUESTED A ROOM FOR A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT THE HOTEL AT TEN AM. ON SEPTEMBER NINE. MC CORMICK ADVISED THAT THE PARTY HAS NOT MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR RETURN TO LOS ANGELES WITH TWA.

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NEW YORK OFFICE CONTINUING COVERAGE AT INTERNATIONAL HOTEL  
WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO DIRECTOR

ATT. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

WASHINGTON FIELD

LOS ANGELES

FROM NEW YORK 2P

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ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN, INTERNAL SECURITY - MIDDLE EAST.

ON NINE NINE SEVENTY, AT EIGHT AM, MARSHALL BAKER, SALES REPRESENTATIVE, INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, JFK AIRPORT, ADVISED THAT LUKE MC KISSICK MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT THE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL FROM TEN AM TO ELEVEN AM ON NINE NINE SEVENTY. THIRTY MEMBERS OF THE PRESS WERE ANTICIPATED BY MC KISSICK. WING ROOM A WAS DESIGNATED BY BAKER FOR THE CONFERENCE.

MC KISSICK, MC COWAN, MRS. SIRHAN AND ADEL SIRHAN ARRIVED AT PRESS CONFERENCE AT TEN ZERO EIGHT AM. ABOUT FORTY MEMBERS OF THE PRESS ARE PRESENT.  
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MC KISSICK OPENED UP THE CONFERENCE ABOUT TEN TEN AM STATING HE IS THE SPOKESMAN FOR MARY B. SIRHAN AND THE SIRHAN FAMILY. THE BASIC REASON THAT THEY WANTED TO GO WAS TO "SAVE LIVES", THEY WISH TO PERSUADE ARAB GUERRILLAS THAT THE TAKING OF HUMAN LIVES IS NOT BENEFICIAL TO ANYONE.

MCKISSICK ADVISED THAT DESPITE REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT FRED B. SMITH, THE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE WHO CANCELLED HIS PASSPORT, HE HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL.

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION PUT FORTH BY A NEWS REPORTER CONCERNING WHETHER OR NOT THE PURPOSE OF MRS. SIRHAN'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST WAS TO TRADE HER SON'S LIFE FOR THE LIVES OF THE HOSTAGES, MRS. SIRHAN REPLIED THAT THIS WAS NOT TRUE, THAT ALL HUMAN LIFE IS PRECIOUS TO HER. REPORTERS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE CONFENCE HAVE ASKED SEVERAL TIMES ABOUT THE EXACT PURPOSE OF THE SIRHAN FAMILY TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND EACH TIME THEY HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY MR. MC KISSICK THAT THE SOLE PURPOSE OF THEIR TRIP WAS TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THE HOSTAGES. MR. MC KISSICK POINTED OUT THAT ONE OF THE KEY FACTORS WAS THE TIME ELEMENT.

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AT THE OPENING OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE, LUKE MC KISSICK EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE PRESS COVERAGE HE HAD RECEIVED ON HIS PREVIOUS PRESS CONFERENCE ON NINE EIGHT SEVENTY. HE STATED THAT HE WAS DISAPPOINTED AT SECRETARY OF STATE ROGER'S COMMENT CONCERNING THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF HOSTAGES IN JORDAN. HE STATED THAT HIS AND MRS. SIRHAN'S PRIME CONSIDERATION IN THEIR EFFORTS IS TO SAVE LIVES.

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION CONCERNING WHY THE ARABS SHOULD LISTEN TO MRS. SIRHAN, MC KISSICK STATED THAT HE BELIEVES THAT SHE COULD BE PERSUASIVE WITH THEM. HE ADDED THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW IF THE RELEASE OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN IS PRESENTLY ON THE LIST OF DEMANDS BEING MADE BY THE ARABS. HE DOES KNOW THAT IT WAS AT ONE TIME A DEMAND, BUT HE DOES NOT KNOW IF IT CONTINUES TO BE ONE. HE AGAIN STATED THAT SIRHAN SIRHAN IS A HERO IN THE ARAB WORLD AND THAT MRS. SIRHAN WOULD BE LISTENED TO FOR THAT REASON AND WOULD BE ABLE TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST VIOLENCE.

MC KISSICK THEN STATED IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION THAT MRS. SIRHAN HAS A VALID JORDANIAN PASSPORT, BUT IS BEING PROHIBITED FROM LEAVING THE UNITED STATES BY GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY.

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IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION CONCERNING WHY THE ARAB GUERRILLAS ARE HOLDING HOSTAGES, MRS. SIRHAN ANSWERED THAT THEY ARE PERSECUTED PEOPLE, THAT THEIR LIVES ARE LESS THAN HUMAN AND THAT THEY ARE FORCED TO TAKE THESE MEASURES EVEN IF THEY DO NOT WISH TO DO SO.

WHEN ASKED WHY THE ARAB GUERRILLAS WOULD REQUEST THE RELEASE OF SIRHAN SIRHAN, MRS. SIRHAN ANSWERED THAT HE IS A PALESTINIAN. SHE DID NOT ELABORATE.

IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION IS THERE ANY OTHER REASON WHY THE PASSPORTS OF THE PARTY WERE REVOKED, MC KISSICK ANSWERED THAT IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT MRS. SIRHAN MIGHT "UP-STAGE" THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE AND THAT THE EGO OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS MIGHT BE HURT. HE CONTINUED THAT MRS. SIRHAN AND HE WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM TALKING TO THE GUERRILLAS, WHERE THE STATE DEPARTMENT APPEARS TO HAVE PROBLEMS IN THIS DIRECTION.

HE STATED THAT IF THIS IS THE REASONING OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT IT IS NOT LEGITIMATE.

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MC KISSICK STATED HE DOES NOT INTEND TO ENTER NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE US STATE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE RESTORING OF HIS PASSPORT SINCE HE BELIEVES SUCH NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE FRUITLESS.

MC KISSICK THEN ALUDED TO FRED SMITH, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL UPON WHOSE AUTHORITY HIS AND MICHAEL MC COWAN'S PASSPORTS WERE REVOKED. HE STATED THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS IN HIDING, AND THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO REACH SMITH OR ANY OTHER RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL BY TELEPHONE AT THE TIME OF THE PASSPORT REVOCATION. HE WISHES TO DEBATE SMITH OR ANOTHER OFFICIAL IN A PUBLIC FORUM.

CONCERNING HIS PRESENT PLANS, MC KISSICK STATED THAT HE, MC COWAN AND THE SIRHANS PLAN TO STAY IN NEW YORK THIS EVENING. THEY HOPE TO GET ON A TV TALK SHOW IN ORDER TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS FREELY WITHOUT THE PRESSURE OF A PRESS CONFERENCE. MC KISSICK OPENLY INVITED STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TO BE PRESENT TO GET THEIR SIDE BUT COMMENTED THAT HE DOUBTED THAT THEY WOULD ACCEPT HIS INVITATION. HE COMMENTED THAT HE HAS NOT BEEN INVITED TO APPEAR ON ANY TV SHOW AS YET BUT POINTED OUT THAT HE HAS BEEN IN VIRTUAL SECLUSION SINCE ARRIVING IN NEW YORK.

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MC KISSICK INDICATED THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD REVOKED HIS PASSPORT BY POWER AND NOT BY RIGHT DESPITE THE CURRENT USAGE OF THE THEME OF LAW AND ORDER. HE STATED THAT THE "ONUS" IS ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHOULD LIVES BE LOST. AN AMERICAN LADEY IN LOS ANGELES CALLED MRS. SIRHAN AND OFFERED TO PAY MRS. SIRHAN'S FARE. MC KISSICK DID NOT FURTHER ELABORATE ON THIS STATEMENT. HE FURTHER INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT CERTAIN NEWS MEDIA IN LOS ANGELES HAD TOLD HIM THAT THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN FINANCING MRS. SIRHAN'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

MC KISSICK STATED THAT HE HAS TRIED REPEATEDLY TO CONTACT MR. GEORGE SHIBLEY (PHONETIC) IN BEIRUT WITHOUT SUCCESS. MRS. SIRHAN WAS AGAIN ASKED IF IN FACT THE PURPOSE OF HER TRIP WAS NOT TO OBTAIN AMNESTY FOR HER SON. MRS. SIRHAN INDICATED THAT ANY MOTHER IN HER POSITION WOULD WANT TO GAIN FREEDOM FOR HER SON.

WHEN ASKED BY THE NEWS MEDIA IF SHE BELIEVED THE GUERRILLAS WOULD KILL THE HOSTAGES, SHE REPLIED, "I AM SORRY, I HOPE NOT."

NEWS MEDIA ASKED MR. MC KISSICK IF HE OR THE SIRHAN FAMILY HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ANY OF THE FAMILIES OF THE HOSTAGES. HE REPLIED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO COMMUNICATION ON THAT LEVEL.

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WHEN MC KISSICK WAS ASKED IF HE OR THE SIRHAN FAMILY HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE ARAB GUERRILLAS, HE ADVISED THAT THE SIRHAN FAMILY IN JORDAN HAD FRIENDS AMONG THE GUERRILLAS.

CONCERNING THE FINANCING OF THE TRIP, MC KISSICK STATED THAT HE IS FINANCING HIS OWN TRAVEL, THAT THE SIRHANS ARE TRAVELING ON HIS CREDIT CARD. HE HAS HOPES OF SOLICITING THE AID OF THE BROADCASTING NETWORKS IN HOPES THAT THEY WILL SUBSIDIZE THIS TRAVEL IN RETURN FOR FIRST HAND COVERAGE.

MC KISSICK STATED THAT HIS PARTY WAS "YANKED" INTO A ROOM AT THE AIRPORT YESTERDAY AND THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS KEEPING MRS. SIRHAN FROM JORDAN "BY POWER, NOT BY RIGHT". HE STATED AS HER ATTORNEY, HE HAS COUNSELED HER NOT TO GO TO JORDAN BECAUSE SHE MIGHT BE DENIED THE RIGHT TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES, SINCE SHE IS NOT A CITIZEN.

MC KISSICK STATED THAT THE GUERRILLAS WILL PROBABLY NOT BOW TO THE POWER OF THE UNITED STATES, BECAUSE THEIR EGO MIGHT BE SHATTERED, BUT THAT THEY MIGHT LISTEN TO THE APPEAL OF MRS. SIRHAN.

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AT TEN FORTYTHREE AM DR. MEHDY (PHONETIC) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN-ARAB RELATIONS ENTERED THE PRESS CONFERENCE AND EMBRACED MRS. SIRHAN AND ADEL SIRHAN. HE THEN RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS.

MEHDI STATED THAT HIS ORGANIZATION HAS OFFERED HIS SERVICES TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE ARAB GUERRILLA ORGANIZATIONS. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD ASK THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS IN RETURN FOR A PROMISE FROM THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPLY NO FURTHER PHANTOM JETS TO ISRAEL. HE STATED THAT THE HIJACK IS, COMPARATIVELY SPEAKING, A HUMANE ACT WHEN COMPARED TO THE ASSAULT OF ISRAEL ON THE ARABS.

PRESS CONFERENCE TERMINATED AT TEN FIFTYFIVE AM.

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RE NEW YORK TEL SEPTEMBER EIGHT, SEVENTY.

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TO DIRECTOR

ATT. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

WASHINGTON FIELD

LOS ANGELES

FROM NEW YORK 3P

ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN, INTERNAL SECURITY - MIDDLE EAST.

SHORTLY BEFORE NOON, INSTANT DATE, ADEL SIRHAN,  
MARY SIRHAN, LUKE MC KISSACK, MICHAEL MC COWAN, DR.  
MOHAMED T. MEHDI AND TWO YOUNG UNIDENTIFIED MALES, ARABIC  
APPEARANCE, DEPARTED INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, JFK, IN LATE  
MODEL CHEVROLET, NEW YORK LICENSE THREE EIGHT ZERO THREE KB.  
PARTY TRAVELED TO ONE FOUR NINE - THREE FIVE DELAWARE  
AVENUE, FLUSHING, NEW YORK, WHERE ALL ENTERED.

ABOVE ADDRESS IS RESIDENCE OF DR. MEHDI, A REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN - ARAB RELATIONS,  
AND RECORDS OF NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
REFLECT ABOVE LICENSE IS REGISTERED TO MESBAH MELBEM,  
DOB [REDACTED], RESIDING FOUR THREE SEVEN  
THIRD STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, FOR A NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT  
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WHILE AT THE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, AFTER PRESS CONFERENCE, DR. MEHDI INDICATED TO PRESS MEN STILL IN LOBBY OF HOTEL THAT HE SHOULD BE CONTACTED AT HIS OFFICE, FOUR FOUR ONE LEXINGTON AVENUE, NYC, RELATIVE TO ANY FURTHER INTERVIEWS WITH SIRHANS. ALSO MC KISSACK INDICATED AFTER NEWS CONFERENCE HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN TELEVISION APPEARANCES FOR MRS. SIRHAN TO DEMONSTRATE HER CONCERN FOR HOSTAGES HELD BY ARAB GUERRILLAS. MC COWAN STATED AFTER NEWS CONFERENCE THAT HE HAD ATTEMPTED TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH JORDAN, BUT WAS ADVISED BY AMERICAN TELEPHONE THAT FIRST AVAILABLE LINE WOULD BE ON FRIDAY, NINE ELEVEN SEVENTY.

DURING PRESS CONFERENCE, ONE ~~THEODORE CHARACH~~ CREATED DISTURBANCE ENTERING PRESS CONFERENCE AND WAS QUIETED BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PRESS. CHARACH IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS PRESIDENT OF TELE-COMMUNICATIONS, INCORPORATED. CHARACH STATED OUTSIDE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HE IS RESIDING UNIVERSITY CLUB, ROOM FOUR ZERO ONE, NYC, AND PLANS TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. HE STATED TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS THAT HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH KENNEDY FAMILY ATTORNEYS AND HIS OWN ATTORNEY CONCERNING THE DESIRABILITY OF SUCH A PRESS CONFERENCE.

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CHARACH APPEARED DRESSED IN AN UNKEMPT, DISHEVELED FASHION.

ADMINISTRATIVE

FISUR CONTINUING AT NEW YORK AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

NEW YORK INDICES NEGATIVE REGARDING MESBAH MELBEM, THEODORE CHARACH AND TELE-COMMUNICATIONS, INCORPORATED.

FISUR AGENTS WERE OF OPINION THAT FROM HIS ACTIONS, CHARACH APPEARED TO BE MENTALLY UNSTABLE.

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ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN ✓

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IS - MIDDLE EAST

ADEL AND MARY SIRHAN CHECKED OUT OF INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, JFK, NYC THIS PM. ATTORNEY MC KISSACK ADVISED HOTEL EMPLOYEES HE COULD BE CONTACTED AT TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR SIX ONE - FIVE TWO TWO THREE FOR PM OF SEPT NINE. CALLS FOR MRS. SIRHAN ARE TO BE REFERRED TO MC KISSACK AT HOTEL. RECORDS OF NY TELEPHONE COMPANY REFLECT SUBSCRIBER IS MOHAMED T. MEHDI, ONE FOUR NINE - THREE FIVE DELAWARE AVE., FLUSHING, NY. MEHDI IS REPRESENTATIVE OF ACTION COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN - ARAB RELATIONS IN NYC.

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PAST, ADVISED ATTORNEYS MC KISSACK AND MC COWAN STAYING AT INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, JFK, AND CONFIRMED SIRHANS STAYING TONIGHT AT FLUSHING ADDRESS. SOURCE STATED MC KISSACK RECEIVED CABLE FROM GEORGE SHIBLEY IN BEIRUT, LEBANON INSTRUCTING MC KISSACK TO STAY WHERE HE IS AND HE WILL BE CONTACTED LATER. ACCORDING TO SOURCE MC KISSACK IS EXPECTING EITHER TELEPHONE CALL OR ANOTHER CABLE FROM LEBANON APPROX. NINE THIRTY PM THIS DATE AND FUTURE ACTION AND PLANS OF SIRHANS WILL BE BASED ON THIS COMMUNICATION.

ADMINISTRATIVE.....

RE NY TELS NINE NINE SEVENTY.

SOURCE IS MICHAEL MC COWAN, LA SOURCE, WHO TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTED LA TO ARRANGE CONTACT WITH NY AGENT. SOURCE CONTACTED SEVEN PM THIS DATE BY SA MICHAEL V. DONOVAN, NYO, USING PAROLE FURNISHED BY LA. SOURCE WILL ADVISE NYO OF ANY COMMUNICATION RECEIVED BY MC KISSACK AND OF FUTURE PLANS OF SIRHANS RE TRAVEL. NY WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT COVERAGE TO INSURE KNOWLEDGE OF WHEREABOUTS OF SIRHANS.

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# Sirhan Believes He Will Be Traded



Associated Press

Poster distributed in Arab countries by the Palestine Liberation Organization last year says, "Sirhan B. Sirhan—a guerrilla, not a murderer." Writing at bottom criticizes "Zionist circles" in the U.S. for allegedly trying to distort motives behind shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan — whose release was mentioned in some accounts yesterday as an Arab commando demand in return for the freedom of some 150 hijacked passengers—has said in interviews that he expected to be freed at some time in similar fashion.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which held the hostages, officially denied, however, making such a demand.

The slim, dark-haired Jordanian immigrant, convicted last year of the murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, is in a small cell on death row in California's San Quentin Prison. He is appealing his death sentence.

During his four-month trial last year, Sirhan repeatedly told of his intense hatred of Senator Kennedy for his espousal of the Israeli cause

and for his pledges to send additional United States war planes to Israel.

Although the trial never became a sounding board for the pros and cons of the Israeli-Arab conflict, there was testimony about Sirhan's unhappy boyhood in Jerusalem's Palestinian Arab quarter where he witnessed a number of bloody clashes.

"I did it for my country," a witness quoted Sirhan as saying shortly after the shooting of Senator Kennedy at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

Reached by telephone yesterday at her home in Pasadena, Calif., Mrs. Mary Sirhan, the mother of the convicted murderer, in a voice that sounded as if she was both laughing and crying, said "I can't believe it" when told of the reported bid for her son's freedom.

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ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN, IS - MIDDLE EAST.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, RELIABLE IN THE PAST, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT ATTORNEY LUKE MC KISSACK PLANNED TO ATTEND BLACK PANTHER TWENTY-ONE TRIAL PROCEEDINGS TO BE HELD IN NEW YORK CITY TODAY AND THEN MC KISSACK WILL CONFER WITH SIRHANS IN LATE AFTERNOON TO DECIDE FUTURE PLANS OF SIRHANS. SOURCE ADVISED THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE MC KISSACK HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY TYPE OF COMMUNICATION FROM LEBANON. ACCORDING TO SOURCE ATTORNEY MICHAEL MC COWAN WILL VISIT HIS PUBLISHER, BANTAM BOOKS, IN NEW YORK CITY.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE NEW YORK TEL, NINE NINE SEVENTY.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IS MICHAEL MC COWAN, WHO WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH NEW YORK OFFICE.

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ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN; IS - MIDDLE EAST

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE RELIABLE IN PAST ADVISED THREE FORTYFIVE PM THIS DATE THAT ATTORNEY LUKE MC KISSACK ADVISED HIM THAT RADIO CAIRO HAD ANNOUNCED THAT ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH WAS INTERFERING WITH NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE RELEASE OF HOSTAGES OF RECENTLY HIJACKED AIRCRAFT BY ARAB GUERRILLAS WAS THE FAILURE OF THE UNITED STATES TO ALLOW MRS. MARY SIRHAN TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES. MC KISSACK TOLD SOURCE THAT BECAUSE OF THIS INFORMATION, HE WAS CONTACTING UNIDENTIFIED AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION ATTORNEYS CONCERNING RESTORATION OF HIS PASSPORT AND TRAVEL OF ADEL AND MARY SIRHAN TO THE MIDDLE EAST. SOURCE STATED THAT MC KISSACK DID NOT CLARIFY HOW HE HAD RECEIVED THE INFORMATION ALLEGEDLY BROADCAST BY RADIO CAIRO. SOURCE DID NOT

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KNOW IF MC KISSACK RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION FROM AN OVERSEAS SOURCE OR FROM AMERICAN NEWS MEDIA. SOURCE WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY FURTHER INFORMATION RELATIVE TO TRAVEL PLANS OF SIRHANS.

ADMINISTRATIVE

SOURCE IS MICHAEL MC COWAN, WHO HAS ADVISED THAT HIS BUSINESS IN NEW YORK IS FINISHED AND HE PLANS RETURN TO LOS ANGELES IN NEAR FUTURE. NEW YORK HAS REQUESTED MC COWAN TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN TRAVEL PLANS OF SIRHANS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE.

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FROM NEW YORK 3P

ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN, INTERNAL SECURITY, MIDDLE EAST

AT SIX FORTY PM THIS DATE, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT LUKE MC KISSACK, ATTORNEY FOR MRS. MARY SIRHAN, WAS AT THAT TIME AT THE OFFICES OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION IN NEW YORK CITY. MC KISSACK WAS MEETING WITH MEL WULF AND BARRY SEGAR, ATTORNEYS FOR THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, TO VEPARE TO BRING SUIT IN FEDERAL COURT, NEW YORK, ON SEPT. ELEVEN, NEXT FOR THE RESTORATION OF HIS PASSPORT AND THAT OF MICHAEL MC COWAN, AND TO COMPELL THE LIFTING OF THE BAN ON FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MRS. MARY SIRHAN AND ADEL SIRHAN.

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RENYTELS INSTANT DATE.

SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION IS MICHAEL MC COWAN.

NYO INDICES CONTAIN REFERENCES TO MELVIN L. WOLF,  
LEGAL DIRECTOR, AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, ONE FIVE  
SIX FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY, POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH MEL  
WOLF. NYO INDICES NEGATIVE ON SEGAR, HOWEVER, SOURCE ADVISED  
THAT HE IS A FORMER PROFESSOR AT UCLA LAW SCHOOL, LOS ANGELES.  
NYO CONTINUING COVERAGE OF SIRHANS.

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FROM NEW YORK

ADEL BISHARA ~~SIRHAN~~, INTERNAL SECURITY, MIDDLE EAST

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED ON SEPTEMBER TEN INSTANT AT ELEVEN FIFTY PM. THAT ATTORNEY LUKE MC KISSACK INTENDS TO FILE SUIT IN FEDERAL COURT NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER ELEVEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY, IN CONNECTION WITH RESTORATION OF HIS PASSPORT AND REMOVAL OF THE BAN ON TRAVEL BY THE SIRHANS.

MRS MARY SIRHAN AND ADEL SIRHAN CONTINUE TO STAY AT THE HOME OF DOCTOR MOHAMED MEHDI.

SOURCE INDICATES THAT THE SIRHANS PLAN TO REMAIN IN NEW YORK THROUGH SEPTEMBER ELEVEN.

ADMINISTRATIVE

SOURCE IS ATTORNEY MICHAEL MC COWAN.

NEW YORK OFFICE IS CONTINUING COVERAGE. NEW YORK FILE ONE ZERO FIVE DASH ONE ONE ZERO TWO EIGHT FOUR.

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ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN, INTERNAL SECURITY-MIDDLE EAST

ON SEPTEMBER ELEVEN SEVENTY, AT ELEVEN FIFTY AM,  
A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION  
IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT ATTORNEY LUKE MC KISSACK WAS  
AWAITING WORD FROM LAWYERS OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES  
UNION (ACLU) CONCERNING THE HANDLING OF A SUIT TO BE  
BROUGHT IN FEDERAL COURT SEEKING RELIEF FROM THE TRAVEL BAN  
ON MC KISSACK AND THE SIRHANS. THE LAWYERS FROM ACLU  
WERE THEN IN FEDERAL COURT AND ARE TO NOTIFY MC KISSACK  
OF THE RESULTS OF THEIR EFFORTS.

SOURCE STATED THAT THE REPORT FROM CAIRO STATING  
THAT THE BAN ON MRS. SIRHAN'S TRAVEL WAS ONE OF THE  
FACTORS KEEPING THE ARAB GUERRILLAS FROM NEGOTIATING FOR  
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THE RELEASE OF THE HIJACKED PRISONERS ALLEGEDLY WAS CARRIED BY CHANNEL TWENTYEIGHT TELEVISION IN LOS ANGELES ON SEPTEMBER NINE SEVENTY. SOURCE STATED THAT MC KISSACK HEARD THAT THE REPORT ORIGINATED IN A CAIRO NEWSPAPER. MC KISSACK LATER LEARNED THAT THE NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT OF THE CAIRO NEWSPAPER "AL AHAM", WHEN ASKED WHY THE ARAB GUERRILLAS WOULD NOT NEGOTIATE STATED THAT THE GUERRILLAS REFUSED TO ENTER NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL THE UNITED STATES CEASES SUPPLYING PHANTOM JETS TO ISRAEL AND UNTIL THE TRAVEL BAN ON MRS. SIRHAN IS LIFTED. THE SOURCE OF THE "AL AHAM" REPRESENTATIVES INFORMATION IS NOT KNOWN TO MC KISSACK.

SOURCE STATED THAT MC KISSACK AND ATTORNEY MICHAEL MC COWAN WILL PROBABLY MOVE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL TO A HOTEL IN MANHATTAN TODAY. MRS. SIRHAN AND ADEL SIRHAN WILL CONTINUE TO STAY AT THE HOME OF DR. MOHAMED MEHDI.

SOURCE STATED THAT MC KISSACK RECEIVED A CALL FROM ATTORNEY GEORGE SHIBLEY LATE ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER TEN SEVENTY. SHIBLEY INSTRUCTED MC KISSACK NOT TO TRAVEL TO JORDAN AND NOT TO BRING MRS. SIRHAN. SHIBLEY TOLD MC KISSACK THAT HE IS PRESENTLY IN CONTACT WITH OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN BEIRUT, LEBANON CONCERNING THE RELEASE OF THE HIJACKED PRISONERS. SHIBLEY STATED

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THAT THE RELEASE OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN BY UNITED STATES  
AUTHORITIES WAS ORIGINALLY PUT FORTH BY THE ARAB GUERRILLAS  
AS A CONDITION FOR THE RELEASE OF THE HIJACKED  
PRISONERS. HOWEVER, SHIBLEY SUCCEEDED IN HAVING THEM  
DROP THE RELEASE OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN AS A DEMAND BECAUSE,  
"IT WOULD PUT SIRHAN IN A BAD LIGHT". SOURCE ADVISED  
THAT MC KISSACK DOES NOT UNDERSTAND SHIBLEY'S  
REASONING IN MAKING THIS STATEMENT AND FEELS THAT PERHAPS  
SHIBLEY IS MAKING THIS UP.

MC KISSACK, IN SPITE OF SHIBLEY'S INSTRUCTIONS IS  
AT THE PRESENT TIME CONTINUING HIS EFFORTS TO HAVE THE  
TRAVEL BAN ON HIM AND THE SIRHANS LIFTED.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE NEW YORK TEL NINE ELEVEN SEVENTY.

SOURCE IS MICHAEL MC COWAN.

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FROM NEW YORK 1P

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ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN, INTERNAL SECURITY, MIDDLE EAST.

DURING A LATE AFTERNOON NEWS BROADCAST ON  
SEPTEMBER ELEVEN, SEVENTY, RADIO STATIONS WINS, NEW YORK  
ANNOUNCED THAT US DISTRICT JUDGE FRANCIS F.X. MC GOHEY,  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK HAD DENIED A PETITION  
FOR INJUNCTION BROUGHT ON BEHALF OF MARY SIRHAN AND HER  
SON ADEL SIRHAN, FOR THE US GOVERNMENT TO SHOW CAUSE  
WHY THE BAN AGAINST TRAVEL BY THE SIRHANS SHOULD NOT BE  
LIFTED AND THE PASSPORTS OF ATTORNEYS MC KISSACK AND  
MC COWAN RESTORED. WINS STATED THAT JUDGE MC GOHEY HAD PUT  
THE MATTER OVER UNTIL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, NEXT, FOR  
FURTHER HEARING.

ADMINISTRATIVE.....

NO UNSUSUAL ACTIVITY HAS BEEN NOTED BY THE SIRHANS.  
THEY CONTINUE TO STAY WITH DR. MOHAMED T. MEHDI.

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FROM NEW YORK (105-110284) 5P

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ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN; IS - MIDDLE EAST.

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED ON NINE TWELVE INSTANT THAT ATTORNEY LUKE MC KISSACK, ATTORNEY MICHAEL MC COWAN, MARY SIRHAN AND ADEL SIRHAN WILL FLY TO SAN FRANCISCO ON NINE TWELVE INSTANT. SOURCE ADVISED THAT THEY PRESENTLY PLAN TO FLY ON TRANS WORLD AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE FIVE THREE, LEAVING NEW YORK SEVEN FORTY-FIVE P.M. AND ARRIVING OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, TEN THIRTY P. M. PACIFIC TIME. SOURCE STATED THAT THEY WILL PROBABLY STAY IN SAN FRANCISCO AT THE FAIRMOUNT HOTEL. SOURCE ORIGINALLY ADVISED THAT THE PARTY WAS GOING TO LEAVE NEW YORK AT FOUR FORTY-FIVE P.M., BUT CHANGED TO A LATER FLIGHT BECAUSE DR. MOHAMED T. MEHDI INSISTED THAT MARY SIRHAN REMAIN IN NEW YORK TO MEET UNIDENTIFIED "IMPORTANT" INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE

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TRAVELED A LONG WAY TO SEE HER.

SOURCE STATED THAT MC KISSACK EXPECTS TO SEE SIRHAN B. SIRHAN IN PRISON AND ALSO TO CONTACT HUEY NEWTON, BLACK PANTHER LEADER. SOURCE DOES NOT KNOW THE REASON FOR CONTACT WITH NEWTON.

SOURCE STATED THAT GEORGE SHIDLEY, ATTORNEY FOR SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, WHO IS PRESENTLY IN BEIRUT, LEBANON, CONTACTED MC KISSACK ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER ELEVEN LAST. SHIDLEY TOLD MC KISSACK THAT THE ARAB GUERILLAS WILL NOT DEMAND THE RELEASE OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. MC KISSACK FEELS THAT SHIDLEY CONVINCED THE GUERILLAS NOT TO DEMAND SIRHAN'S RELEASE BECAUSE SHIDLEY IS AFRAID FOR HIS OWN FUTURE. SOURCE STATED SHIDLEY HAS SERVED TWO YEARS IN JAIL PREVIOUSLY AND FEARS HE MIGHT BE DISBARRED OR JAILED IF HE WERE FOUND TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GUERILLA'S DEMANDING SIRHAN'S RELEASE. THEREFORE, MC KISSACK FEELS SHIDLEY CONVINCED THE GUERILLAS TO WITHDRAW SIRHAN'S RELEASE FROM THEIR LIST OF DEMANDS IN ORDER TO PROTECT HIMSELF.

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SOURCE STATED THAT A BENCH WARRANT HAD BEEN ISSUED IN LOS ANGELES FOR THE ARREST OF MC KISSACK BECAUSE OF HIS FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE TRIAL OF ELMER PRATT (PHONETIC). MC KISSACK WILL GO TO LOS ANGELES TO APPEAR IN COURT THERE ON MONDAY NINE FOURTEEN NEXT.

SOURCE DOES NOT KNOW THE TRAVEL PLANS OF MARY AND ADEL SIRHAN AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN SAN FRANCISCO BUT STATES THAT THEY WILL PROBABLY RETURN TO LOS ANGELES. SOURCE INDICATES THAT FOREIGN TRAVEL BY THE SIRHAN'S IS NO LONGER ANTICIPATED.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RENYTEL NINE ELEVEN LAST AND NEW YORK TELCALLS TO BUREAU AND SAN FRANCISCO NINE TWELVE INSTANT.

SOURCE IS MICHAEL MC COWAN WHO FURNISHED INFORMATION IN TWO TELEPHONE CALLS AT TWELVE FIFTEEN P.M. AND ONE TWENTY P.M. NINE TWELVE INSTANT.

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BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT A LOOSE DISCREET SURVEILLANCE BE CONDUCTED ON MARY AND ADEL SIRHAN AND THAT EFFORTS BE MADE TO DETERMINE THEIR CONTACTS. ATTORNEYS MC KISSACK AND MC COWAN ARE NOT TO BE SURVEILLED.

MC COWAN IS AVAILABLE FOR CONTACT BY SAN FRANCISCO AGENTS. CONTACT SHOULD BE EXTREMELY DISCREET AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD MC KISSACK OR THE SIRHANS BE AWARE OF MC COWAN'S CONTACT WITH BU AGENTS. NEW YORK OFFICE HAS USED CODE NAME "ALFIE" FOR MC COWAN AND HAS INSTRUCTED HIM THAT SAN FRANCISCO WILL DO THE SAME. RESOLVE CONFLICTS IN FAVOR OF NO CONTACT OF MC COWAN, UNLESS CONTACT CAN BE MOST DISCREETLY HANDLED.

FOR INFORMATION SAN FRANCISCO MARY SIRHAN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GO TO JORDAN TO SEE ARAB GUERILLAS CONCERNING RELEASE OF VICTIMS OF AIRLINE HIJACKS AND POSSIBLE RELEASE OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, IN THIS CONNECTION.

MARY SIRHAN IS APPROXIMATELY SIXTY FIVE YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET TALL WITH GRAY HAIR AND HAS BEEN WEARING A BROWN FUR COAT. ADEL SIRHAN IS FIVE FEET FIVE INCHES TALL, BLACK HAIR, LONG SIDEBURNS, BEARD AND MUSTACHE AND HAS OLIVE COMPLEXION, SLIGHT BUILD.

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MC KISSACK IS ABOUT FORTY YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES TALL, STOCKY WITH BLACK HAIR, LONG SIDEBURNS. MC COWAN IS ABOUT THIRTY YEARS OLD, LIGHT BROWN HAIR WORN MODERATELY LONG, TAN COMPLEXION, ABOUT FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES TALL, SLENDER BUILD.

NEW YORK IS CONTINUING FISUR CONVERAGE OF SIRHAN'S AND WILL ADVISE BUREAU AND SAN FRANCISCO OF ANY CHANGES IN PLANS.  
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Washington, D.C. 20535  
September 14, 1970

**ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN**  
**INTERNAL SECURITY - MIDDLE EAST**

On September 8, 1970, Carroll H. Seeley, Assistant Chief, Legal Division, Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS), furnished the following information:

About 2:15 a.m., September 8, 1970, the Duty Officer, Passport Office, USDS, received a call from Luke McKissock, telephone 213-466-7331, who claimed to be a friend of Adel Bishara Sirhan, who was born [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Jerusalem and who was residing at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California. McKissock stated that Sirhan wanted to renew urgently his 1963 passport. McKissock was told that such passport could not be renewed and that Sirhan would have to apply for a new passport.

McKissock originally stated that Sirhan would leave Los Angeles at 8:30 a.m. and arrive New York at 4:55 p.m., September 8, 1970. Further, McKissock stated that Sirhan wanted to depart for Athens, Greece, at 6:20 p.m., September 8, 1970, on "TWA Flight 880." McKissock stated that this was an emergency passport situation and he wanted the passport agency to deliver the passport to Sirhan at the airport in New York. The Duty Officer explained that the procedure required the physical appearance of the applicant for a passport before a USDS Passport Agent. In reply to the Duty Officer's question as to the nature of the emergency, McKissock replied "It is very complicated, but he must make the '6:20' flight 880 tomorrow (sic)." McKissock was furnished the duty

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hours of the New York and Los Angeles Passport Agencies. McKissack then stated he would get Sirhan to New York as soon after noon on September 8, as possible. Sirhan was to go to Station Number 1, New York Passport Agency, after obtaining his photographs and completing his application.

Mrs. Mary Bishara Salameh Sirhan, Luke McKissack, an attorney, and Michael McCowan arrived at John F. Kennedy (JFK) Airport, New York City, aboard Trans World Airlines (TWA) Flight 100 on September 8, 1970 at 6:05 p.m. They were met by Adel Bishara Sirhan and numerous members of the press.

Joseph M. McCormick, Security Representative, TWA, JFK, advised that at the time TWA Flight 100 landed at JFK, TWA had been instructed by USDS not to permit the Sirhan party to exit the United States (US) aboard TWA. McCormick stated that USDS was notifying US immigration authorities in New York to remove the US passports of members of the party.

In a press conference held by McKissack and Mrs. Sirhan on September 8, 1970, McKissack described himself as the attorney for Sirhan B. Sirhan, the convicted assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. McKissack stated that it was the intention of Mrs. Sirhan to plead with Arab forces for the release of passengers of recently hijacked aircraft. He stated that Mrs. Sirhan's son, Sirhan B. Sirhan, is considered a hero in the Arab world and therefore her plea would be heeded.

A USDS Report of Investigation dated August 23, 1956, under the Refugee Relief Program (IRP), reveals that Adel Bishara Salameh Ghattas Sirhan, who was born [REDACTED], Jerusalem, Palestine, is the son of Bishara Salameh Ghattas Sirhan, who was born [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED], in Palestine. USDS IRP Report of Investigation concerning Bishara Salameh Ghattas Sirhan, dated May 22, 1956, reveals that Adel Sirhan is the brother of Sirhan Sirhan.

ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN

As of September 14, 1970, the records of the Passport Office, USDS, failed to reveal any record of a passport application for Adel Bishara Sirhan.

On September 8, 1970, the records of the Passport Office, USDS, revealed the following information concerning Charles Luke McKissack, who was born [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Thomasville, Georgia:

On June 14, 1968, he was issued US Passport Number [REDACTED] by the USDS Passport Agency, Los Angeles, California, which was valid for travel to all countries except Cuba, mainland China, North Korea, and North Vietnam. By operation of law, effective August 26, 1968, the validity of this passport was extended to June 13, 1973. His application for this passport dated June 12, 1968, at Los Angeles, California, revealed he planned to travel to Europe in 1968. His permanent address was shown as "3201 Nichols Cyn. Rd.", Los Angeles, California and his business address was listed as Suite 101, 1725 North Ivar Street, Hollywood, California. His parents were shown as Charles Leroy McKissack and Sarah Margaret Luke. He stated he was last married on June 21, 1963, to Nancy Dee Norbury, who was born [REDACTED], Los Angeles. In the event of accident or death, he requested that his secretary, Geraldine Cornwell, be notified at 1725 North Ivar Street, Hollywood, California. The application revealed the following description of McKissack:

|             |                  |
|-------------|------------------|
| Height:     | 5 feet 11 inches |
| Hair:       | Brown            |
| Eyes:       | Brown            |
| Occupation: | Attorney         |

The records of the Passport Office, USDS, revealed that McKissack had previously been issued US Passport Number [REDACTED] on June 26, 1963; however, the application for this passport was not available for review.

ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN

On September 9, 1970, the records of the Passport Office, USDS, revealed the following information concerning Michael Allen McCowan, who was [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:

On April 24, 1970, he was issued US Passport Number [REDACTED] by the USDS Passport Agency, Los Angeles, California, which was valid for travel for five years to all countries except Cuba, mainland China, North Korea, and North Vietnam. In his application for this passport dated April 21, 1970, at Los Angeles, he stated he planned to travel to Europe on an unknown date. His permanent residence was shown as 6514 Vista del Mar, Playa del Rey, California. His parents were shown as Richard McCowan and Alice Veronica Doyle. He stated he was last married on August 1, 1953, to Catherine Loiers, who was born [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Lockport, New York, and that this marriage was terminated by divorce in September, 1968. In the event of accident or death, he requested that Ron Allen, business partner, 1513 West Temple, Los Angeles, California, be notified. The application revealed the following description of McCowan:

|             |                      |
|-------------|----------------------|
| Height:     | 5 feet 11 inches     |
| Hair:       | Brown                |
| Eyes:       | Green                |
| Occupation: | Private Investigator |

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